

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the office action mailed June 13, 2006. In the office action the Examiner:

- rejected claims 13 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over McCrady et al. (US 6,665,333) in view of Heath et al. (US 2002/0080735);
- rejected claims 19 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCrady et al. (US 6,665,333) in view of Heath et al (US 2002/0080735), as applied to claims 13 and 34;
- rejected claims 20, 21 and 41 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCrady et al. (US 6,665,333) in view of Heath et al. (US 2002/0080735), as applied to claim 19 above, in further view of Eidson (US 6,278,710); and
- objected to claims 14-18, and 35-39 as being dependent upon a rejected based claims; After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are: claims 1-12, 14-33 and 35-41.

Overview of Claim Changes

Claims 13 and 34 have been canceled.

Claims 14 and 35 have been rewritten in independent format.

Claims 19-20 have been revised to depend from claim 14, and claims 40-41 have been revised to depend from claim 35.

Detailed Response 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

All the pending claims now correspond to allowed claims, and claims noted as allowable by the Examiner.

The applicant disagrees with the Examiners rejection of claims 13, 19-21, 34, and 40-41 and reserves the right resubmit those claims, or similar claims, in a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (650) 843-7501, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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